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THE TRIBUNE, NEW YORK.

The "Settin' Out" At Big'low's

DON'T mean to tell me you never heard tell of a settin' out, do you? Well, it's plain to be seen as you don't belong in these here parts, then. Why, settin' out's a'most as common as courtin,' an' everybody knows that's been common ever since Adam 'n' Eve.

"Settin' out is when two fellers is dead gone on the same gal. That does happen awful frequent, you know; an' most likely they happens to meet at her house some night, both makin' a courtin'. Well, then, neither of them two fellers will go fust. They both sits an' talks an' talks an' sits, an' each tries to tire the other out. The fust one to git tired an' go home is sot out, an' he don't never show up after that at that gal's house. That's what settin' out is. An' a feller that comes foolin' round a gal after he's been sot out, he gits sot down on hard by the gal, I kin tell you.

"Ever hear of the settin' out at Big'low's? No? Well, I thought everybody in the State had heard tell o'that. Go ahead an' smoke, an' I'll tell to you. I don't mind smoke; my old man nigh smokes me to death, an' I kind o' git used to it.

"You see, old Tom Big'low, that lives in the big house down acrost from Burr Oak school-house, he had a mighty purty gal, Her name was Em'line, an' she was the belle of these parts for sure. Lots of black hair, brown eyes, an' pink skin, an' all that. An' a hustler, too. 'S fine a gal at a churn or at bakin' as I ever see. Everybody said Em'line would make a fine wife, an' all the young fellers was after her hard; but none of 'em was in it 'longside of Jim Doolan an' Hi' Morgan.

"It seemed mighty clear to all of us that them two held the inside track, an' it only needed a settin' out to see which one was to git Em'line.

"Course everybody knew Em'line rather favored a young feller down at the Corners, a story-writer or some sech thing as had come into these parts to look at us an' write us up into fool stories, which ought to be made shut of by law, goodness knows, they are so redic'lous, an' not a bit as we really are. But we all knew old Tom Big'low'd never let Em'line throw herself away on no such trash; an' Em'line understood that pretty well, too. You see, old Tom Big'low is the richest man in the county, an' the meanest, an' he had swore by goodness gracious that Em'line shouldn't marry nobody but either Jim Doolan or Hi Morgan.

"Well, that was in the winter of '75, an' I was takin' care of the Big'low house like, helpin, Em'line, Missus Big'low bein' laid up with rheumatiz in her back. So one night there comes a jingle of sleigh-bells in the yard, an' in comes Jim Doolan. Old Tom makes him to home, an' Jim sits down by the fire opposite Em'line, an' begins to talk about the huskin' at his house, which was set for the next Thursday.

"Almost before he gits started talkin', there comes some more bells in the yard, an' in comes Hi' Morgan, an' he takes the other chair by the fire, an' Em'line moves over between them, so's to be nice an' impartial; an' there them two fellers sits scowlin', while old Tom brings in some cider an' apples an' sets 'em on the table.

"Well, I sees it's goin' to be a settin' out, an' liable to last 'most till mornin'; so I takes up my knittin', and says good night, an' goes up to my room, for I knew young folks don't like to have their courtin' spoiled by outsiders. An' in a little while I hear old Tom come up an' go into his room, and I knew the settin' out had begun in earnest. An' so it had. Em'line told me all about in the next year.

"Fust, for awhile Jim an' Hi' sot there an' just glared at each other like they saw a bull-snake, an' Em'line she sot there waitin' for one or the other to speak; but neither of them showed signs of beginnin', so at last Em'line ups an' says, 'Dad has put some cider on the table, boys, mebby you'd like some.'

"'Thanks, I would like some,' they both says at once; so Em'line she pours out a glass an' hands it to Jim, bein' as he comes fust. Then she fills it again an' gives it to Hi', but he pushes it back, an' says as stiff as taks, 'If you please, Miss Em'line, I'd rather not drink from his glass.'

"That makes Jim kind o'huffy, an' he says, 'Perhaps you think I poisoned it, Mr. Morgan.'

"'Well,' says Hi', 'I know, as you'd like to, whether you done it or not; but I am a bit partic'ler who I drinks after.'

"Well, Em'line she sees they are goin' to quarrel all evenin', so she gets her sewin' 'some fancy stuff, which I don't take no stocks in, for my part,' an' she starts to sewin'; an' them two fellers just sits quiet like an' scowls at each other not either of 'em sayin' a word for fear the other would take him down.

"After about an hour this way Em'line begins to yawn pretty frequent, an Jim says: 'Mr. Morgan, I think perhaps Miss Em'line means to hint that she an' I would rather be alone. Perhaps you are thinkin' of goin' home.'

"'Not at all,' says Hi'; 'on the contray, I'm havin' a very nice time indeed, an' I mean to stay just as long as Miss Em'line will 'low me.' An' with that he settles himself back in his chair like he was goin' to stay all night, an' closes his eyes like he was contented like; an Jim puts a couple of sticks on the fire, an' then he fixes himself back in chair like he was goin' to stay all night an' closes his eyes like he was contented.

"Well, Em'line sits there sewin,' 'n' them two fellers sits there waitin' an' the fire gits warm, an' the clock on the fire-mantel keeps ups a steady stickin', an' fust thing they knows, both them fellers is sound aleep.

"That way it goes on till ten o'clock, an' 'leven o'clock, an' twelve o'clock, an' Jim an' Hi both snorin' to beat all. 'Bout half after twelve there is a little noise on the shutter, like a scratchin', an' Em'line gits up an' puts down her sewin', an' goes over to Jim an' shakes him gentle like. Jim he wakes up right away, and so does Hi'. 'Scuse me, says Em'line, but I'm afraid I heard the cat in the kitchen, an' I'll just go an' see. An' I want to get a warmer wrap to put on, as it's gittin' cool in here. You gentlemen just set still an' I'll be back by and by. Then she kind o' smiles at both to oncet, an' goes out.

"Well, Jim an' Hi' they sits there an' glares at each other, an' glares an' glares like they thought they could kill each other by ugly looks. An' there they sot, an' after while they hears the kitchen door open into the yard, an' Em'line sayin', Scat, there! Git out, you cat! An' then they sot an' sot an' sot, but Em'line didn't seem very anxious to come back, an' in a while they goes to sleep again, an' snores like a dry axle goin' up hill.

"Well there they sets until old Tom comes down to feed the stock, an' finds 'em there sleepin' like infants. So he wakes up Jim, an' Hi' he wakes up too, an' both of 'em look round dazed like at the bright room an' the lamp burnin' yaller on the table, an' they don't hardly know where they are. Then old Tom ups an' says, Where's Em'line? An' Jim looks kind of foolish an' says, I guess we hain't been very entertainin' an' she must have gone to bed, an' with that he gits up and gits his hat. Good mornin', Mr. Big'low, he says; give Miss Em'line my regards, an' tell her I'll call again this evenin', an' with that he goes.

"Then Hi' gits up and says, If you please, Mr. Big'low, give Miss Em'line my compliments, an' tell her I'll call this evenin' too, an' he takes his hat an' goes.

"Well, about that time I comes down, an' old Tom he sends me up to wake up Em'line, an' I go up to her room, when, law sakes! her bed hain't been touched! Course there was old Ned to pay then! An' what'd you think? While them two fellers was a-snorin' like a cow tryin' to swaller a corn-cob, that story writer had come with a sleigh, an' Em'line had eloped with him! Yes, sir, right under them two fellers' noses!

"That was the great settin' out at Big'low's. Everybody in the county knows all about it, an' Jim an' Hi' had to go over into Illinoy to git away from the chaff of the other fellers. They'd 'a been joked to death if they hadn't.

"Let me tell you one thing; when my old man was a-settin' out with me ag'in' Dick Haines, you'd better believe he didn't do no snorin'; no, nor Dick either. If my old man had, he would n't 'a' been my old man now. Why, if he had, I actually believe I'd have been willin' to have run away with a story-writer myself, though I must say they is mostly poor-doin' critters, an' do misrepresent us country people most awful in their fool stories.

ELIS PARKER BUTLER.—in the "Century."

The Educational Ideal.

Our present system of elementary education does not rise to the moral requirements of the age; it stands too largely for the development of the memory for the purpose of mere-money making, to the neglect of the nobler spiritual qualities. It too often leaves out the cultivation of the heart and the training of the hand, the quickening of the conscience and the growth of the moral perception. Such a system is not education in any large sense; it is what Pestallozzi called "mere instruction." The education that makes character individual and national, begins with the heart, the conscience, and the imagination. The storing of the memory with facts is a tool-shop more essential to the making of a living than the learning how to live, which is life's higher purpose. "We create life through ideals," taught Pestalozzi. "We learn by doing," said Froebel. And both agreed that life must be taught from life, or by example, and that the individual gift of the pupil was "sacred to the teacher," and that each pupil must be developed after his own gift as though there were no other pupils like him, or gift like his, in the world. The old time New England school dame, whipping the dates of the reigns of Roman emperors into five-year-old brains, formed no part of the grand Pestalozzian vision. "Education stands for character," said Pestalozzi; our national education is defective in the power of this fundamental principle; a reconstruction of education must come in this country, and the best methods of character-education be made universal or else we must suffer deterioration. A heart that responds to justice is the first lesson of life, and the ideal or gift of the pupil must be studied by the teacher before the pupil is put to memorizing text books, which is instruction.—From "The Kindergorten Age," by Hezekiah Butterworth, in December *Review of Reviews.*

Washington . . . Letter

SPEAKER Reed's "the House will please be in order" at noon today announced the opening of the last session of the fifty-fourth Congress. Every seat was not filled but more than a quorum of the House was in attendance. Ditto the Senate. The principal business of the first day was the alleged listening to the reading of the President's message. Under the most favorable conditions, there are few members of either House who really listen to the reading of the message, because they all have printed copies of it, but to-day, when they all knew that the recommendations of the message will not amount to a row of pins as a factor in influencing legislation, there was scarcely a pretense of listening. There are many points of resemblance between the message and that sent to Congress one year ago—the same ideas are stated in different language.

While none of the numerous Republican Senators and Representatives who have recently been to Canton are willing to quote President-elect McKinley to that effect, their general manner of talking leaves not the slightest doubt that an extra session of Congress will be called together within a few weeks after the inauguration, to pass a tariff bill, regardless of whether this session passed any revenue legislation or not.

Chairman Hanna has no reason to complain of any lack of attention since his arrival in Washington, to make the start on the preparation for the inauguration. Indeed, it is fair to suppose after seeing the crowds which are always around him—he sees all callers—that he would be just as well pleased with less attention. General Horace Porter, of N. Y., who will be Chief Marshal of the inaugural parade, is one of Mr. Hanna's constant companions and assistants. It is regarded as about settled that the Inaugural Ball will be held in the beautiful new Library Building.

The substitute for the House Imigration Bill, which provides that no immigrant shall be admitted who is unable to read five lines of the U. S. Constitution in some printed language, is the "unfinished business" of the Senate and as such has the right of way in that branch of Congress. The bill is in charge of Senator Lodge who expresses confidence that it will pass. There seems no logical reason for opposing it. Certainly no man who is so illiterate as to be unable to read in any language can be considered a desirable accession to our country.

Senator Dubois, of Idaho, isn't half as sure that he will be re-elected to the Senate as some other people have assumed to be. He said on the subject: "Those friends who have been saying that I would certainly be re-elected don't know anything of the situation. It is the Democrats who are bothering me. They have united with the Populists and are engaged in a still hunt for an original silver man to represent them in the Senate." And, while Senator Dubois didn't say so, it is evident that he fears they will find the man they are hunting for. There is no truth in the statement that the Republican National Committee is trying to prevent the re-election of Senator Dubois, to punish him for bolting the St. Louis Convention.

Representative Blue, of Kansas, who has made more of a name for himself than most members do in their first term, and who was a victim of the popo-dem. combine, presents this word picture of the elements that carried his state this year: "The leaders of the Populists in Kansas are at heart socialists—every one of them, and they welcomed Bryan's candidacy because they believed it was in its essence socialistic as indeed it was. The unrest and discontent in this country and Europe are but manifestations of socialism. Every man who had failed in his profession or business, whose life had been unsuccessful, was on Bryan's side; so were those who contend that one man should not have any more property than another; that all citizens should stand on an absolute equality regardless of industry or natural ability, and that it is the business of the government to support the people rather than the people to support the Government."

Commissioner of Pensions Murphy has had several unpleasant interviews with Republican Congressmen who accuse him of having during the campaign purposely delayed answers to calls they made on the Pension Bureau in behalf of their constituents, for the purpose of injuring them and preventing their getting votes. Mr. Murphy denied the accusation in every case, but that didn't prevent the indignant Congressmen having their say, and it will not prevent their working to have Mr. Murphy's head be among the first that falls after the inauguration of President McKinley.

One of the notable absentees of the opening session of the Senate was Senator Allison, of Iowa, who was kept at home by a severe cold.

Where Bicycles Come From.

It is a source of wonder where all the bicycles comes from. A careful examination of the catalogues show that there are more than 1,000 different makes of bicycles on the market. At some of these establishments as many as 100,000 wheels are made annually. Practically there are no patents on these machines, except on unimportant specialities, and so it is an easy matter to put a new wheel on the market. There is not so much difference in wheels as one is inclined to suppose. Few manufacturers make a whole machines in their own shops, but by far the larger number buy the parts from some maker and simply put them together, finish them, give them a name and put them on the market. For this reason a fully equipped bicycle manufacturer can be put in running order for $5,000 or $6,000. Hundreds of wheels of different makes are produced, every piece of which is turned out of the same factory that furnishes the different parts, and all that the manufactory requires is a good master mechanic and some ordinary finishers and workmen. The bicycle is not an expensive thing to build, and the difference between the cost of the mount and the price it is sold for is so large that the manufacture of wheels has been enormously stimulated. But were it not for costly sales rooms, extensive advertising and large commissions to agents the price of the wheel would be very materially reduced to the purchaser. It is estimated that during the past spring snd summer at least 1,600,000 wheels which have been sold in this country alone, which has involved an outlay of $50,000,000 by the wheelmen of the United States, and still the demand is unabated and bicycles are being marketed by thousands every day.

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"Bah!" says the Captain, "I say a cork tree."

"A chestnut," repeats the other. "I should know as well as you, having heard you tell the tale these twenty-seven times." At a dinner one evening a gentleman was telling a story of considerable antiquity when an actor present, who had played in "The Broken Sword," said, half audibly, "A chestnut. I have heard you tell the tale these twenty-seven times."

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TIME FOR ACTION.

"The more we hear of the conscienceless specimens of humanity who are allowed to have a voice in the election to office of the candidates nominated for official positions in the State and County, the more fully are we convinced of the total depravity of the natural man and the great responsibility and duty resting on our lawmakers and the makers of the Constitution of the State to provide some means to eradicate the practice of bribery at our elections. In one of the hundreds of this county a few days before the election where fourteen men were engaged on a piece of work, the subject of the election was discussed and during the discussion twelve of those electors boldly declared that they were in the market and would sell their votes to the party which would offer them the most money. The time for action has arrived."—Lewes "Pilot," Dec. 5, 1896.

We agree with the "Pilot" that "the time for action has arrived," and in no partisan sense we hope the remedy may be found for stamping out this great evil which with its attendant evils threatens the peace of society and the very foundation of good government. We deplore the bribery which prevails in the State and we condemn it but the "conscienceless specimens of humanity" could do little harm were they confined to the class referred to by the "Pilot." There can be no bribe taker where there is no bribe giver. Let us include the latter in our timely action. True he is often a "respectable" member of society and what counts more in his favor he has a pull with the powers that be and has or takes special license to himself. He is a "specimen" that should feel the condemnation of the "Pilot" and of every other honest member of society. From the bribe giver we should pass up or down, since the more intelligent an offender against the law the greater his responsibility and the more is expected of him, then let our condemnation pass on down to the men who cheat citizens of their votes, who steal elections, who plan and arrange for the cheating and stealing by their tools and dupes. To our way of thinking these are the men who require the attention of the law and the officers of the law and the law makers rather than poor fellows who accept bribes. The latter are the tools, the product of the former, and they should all go together. We want to say here and now that "the time has arrived" for the suppression of every wrong against a free and a fair ballot in Delaware, whether the wrong be committed under the cover of law or in open violation of the statutes. Let the members of the Constitutional Convention and of the General Assembly take due notice and govern themselves accordingly, or for the future the responsibility for wrong doing will rest largely against them.

It is asserted, and with every evidence of being true, that a prominent candidate in New Castle county for a seat in the United States Senate, planned the attempt to steal the election in this county which the eleven inspectors undertook to execute by changing the election returns. Is such a man fit for any position of honor and trust in the State? Let the "Pilot" condemn him. And the writer of Democratic Glasses in the Sunday "Star" of Dec. 6th, let the "Pilot" condemn him for saying of this matter: "The quashing of the indictments against the inspectors of election who were charged with false returns at the last election is another instance of the foolishness of such tactics. The men were reputable citizens and beyond suspicion, and their arrest was an outrage." Here is a writer in a reputable paper who despite the charge of the Chief Justice denouncing the political outrage of the stealing and the attempt at stealing, despite the opinion of the Attorney General and his deputy, despite the indictments of the Grand Jury, has the impudence to say the arrest of the inspectors was an outrage. Every intelligent citizen knows he is writing for political effect and in our opinion he is as bad as the men who falsified the returns and is worse than the poor fellows whom the "Pilot" denounces. What does the "Pilot" think of him?

"Time for action!" Yes, years ago but because action has been delayed is no reason why it should not be taken now. Here is a clipping from the "Milford Chronicle" of Nov. 28, 1890:

"Laurel, Delaware, has gained an unenviable reputation for lawlessness that would do credit to a western mining town. Her election day riot was equal to the most approved bull-dozing of Mississippi, and her local papers report occurrences that in any more civilized community would draw down the strong arm of the law on the participants. Her Democratic majority is over 400. It's a wonder it isn't larger. If a Federal Election Law is needed for any place in the Union, that place is certainly Laurel, Delaware."

Every word of the above is true but the election of 1890 went Democratic in Kent and Sussex counties and no word of condemnation as to bribery or the bull-dozing tactics introduced at that election was forth coming from the Democratic papers. These same papers had for two years preached about the bribery of 1888, when the Republicans won, but in 1890 and 1892 when at least three times the money was used at the election they had nothing to say. They have controlled legislation and dominated politics in Delaware for years, and they are responsible for the present condition, but let that pass. Every good citizen should now turn in and assist in every way possible to bring about a better condition. Assuredly this is a time for action and partisan politics should be laid aside, and the action should be from a patriotic standpoint only.

COUNTY DIVISION.

The important questions which are to come before the Constitutional Convention must be considered by the people now if at all. The work of the Convention will be done in the next six to ten weeks and the planning and general outlining of the work must be done at once. If the people desire to express themselves about these very important matters they should do so now. If it is proposed to leave the planning and advising as well as the execution of the forming a new constitution with the delegates of the Convention then there should be no kicking over results. We presume the delegates will be glad to be informed of the wishes of their constituants in all these matters. One of the first questions to be considered is the division of New Castle county. This has been talked of for years and always comes up in connection with an increase of representation for this county in the General Assembly. Some general information as to the population of the State and counties will, we think, be of ioterest just here.

The population of the entire State as given by the census for the last eleven decades has been as follows:

In 1790,	59,096
" 1800,	64,273
" 1810,	72,674
" 1820,	72,749
" 1830,	76,748
" 1840,	78,085
" 1850,	91,532
" 1860,	112,216
" 1870,	125,015
" 1880,	146,008
" 1890,	168,493

For the same years this population was divided among the three counties as follows:

	New Castle.	Kent.	Sussex.
1790,	19,688;	18,920;	20,488
1800,	25,381;	19,554;	19,338
1810,	24,429;	20,495;	27,750
1820,	27,809;	20,793;	24,037
1830,	29,720;	19,913;	27,115
1840,	33,120;	19,872;	25,093
1850,	42,788;	22,816;	25,928
1860,	54,797;	27,804;	29,615
1870,	63,513;	29,804;	31,698
1880,	77,718;	32,574;	36,018
1890,	97,182;	32,664;	38,647

It will be seen that the population of the counties at one time was about equal. This was true of the census of 1820 which it is most probable was taken as the basis of representation for our present Constitution, since the census of 1830 was not probably promulgated in 1831 until after adjournmens of the convention. Our population has more than doubled since that time and where New Castle county had less than 31 per cent. of the whole population then it now has over 57 per cent. and yet the basis of representation is the same. This is not just. The county should have increased representation but whether it wants it by a division of the county into two counties is a question. No one expects, nor asks, nor desires representation according to population taking the city of Wilmington into consideration but the present representation of that city of one State Senator and one Representative in the General Assembly for over one-third the population of the State is out of all just proportion; it is ridiculous.

In considering the division of New Castle county many questions will arise. The expense of County Buildings, Court House, jail, etc., must be considered. Next the division lines. It is presumable that Brandywine and Christiana hundreds would be set off with the city of Wilmington as Wilmington hundred. Of this there would possibly be a difference of opinion. Brandywine hundred is north and north-east of the city; Christiana is north and north-west. We will give the population of the hundreds for the last two census, beginning with the southern part of the county:

	1890	1882
Blackbird	1,514	1,778
Appoquinimink	2,836	2,351
St. Georges	4,785	5,073
Red Lion	2,216	2,493
Pencader	2,126	2,350
New Castle	5,960	5,208
White Clay Creek	2,870	2,775
Mill Creek	3,787	3,474
Total	25,613	25,549
Brandywine	3,994	3,749
Christiana	6,144	6,140
Total	35,851	35,328
Wilmington	61,431	42,478
For the County	97,282	77,716

It will be seen that a county composing the eight hundreds which are separate from Wilmington had a population of only 25,613 in 1890, or considerably below the population of Kent and Sussex counties, but to add the two hundreds to the north of the city would give a population greater than Kent's and nearly equal to that of Sussex. It will be noticed again that the increase in population between 1880 and 1890 is very small in the rural districts. The increase was in the city of Wilmington and the towns. The population of Wilmington was first given in the census of 1840. It was 8,367, and has been since as follows:

1850	13,979
1860	21,258
1870	30,841
1880	42,478
1890	61,431

Here is the basis for an estimation of division according to population. A far more interesting statement would be the assessed value of property in the several hundreds with an estimate of the tax rate to support a separate county government. Such figures are not at the disposal of the TRANSCRIPT or we should be glad to give them. We would suggest to the dailies of Wilmington that they get the figures from the Court House for the information of the people. County division means a doubling of tax rate unless the salaries of county officials are very much decreased under the new constitution which is not probable, since the lawyers in the Convention will have the most to say in these matter and they almost invariably favor big fees and high salaries. The people should consider this matter and let their representatives know what they think of it.

From a selfish standpoint the TRANSCRIPT should be an advocate of county division since but little of the public printing now gets outside of Wilmington it matters not what may be the merits of the country weekly. From a sentimental standpoint of "the three counties on the Delaware—New Castle, Kent and Sussex," and taking the good of the tax payers into consideration, we should oppose it. With us it is a debatable question whether or not county division is the best solution of an increase of representation for this county in the General Assembly.

A TELEGRAM from Canton this week stated that the name of Col. Henry A. duPont is being considered for Secretary of War in the McKinley Cabinet. Col. duPont's experience and fitness for the place are generally acknowledged and all Delawareans would undoubtedly be glad to have the State honored through him but many Republicans, believing in the fairness and honesty of his election to the Senate, hope to see him seated as United States Senator where he could serve his country equally well as in the Cabinet and his State much better.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

There is a general feeling that the compromise in the organization of the Convention was the best thing that could have happened since it means conservative work Mr. George H. Murray of North Murderkill hundred attended the sessions this week and it is thought his four companions will follow his example next week. There will be no oath administered to the members this having been the practice of former Conventions. The following committees were named by President Biggs, being equally divided between the Democrats and the Republicans:

Legislature—Richards, Martin, Murray, Saulsbury, Bradford, Crooch.

Governor and Executive officers—Hearn, Cannon, Cooper, Smithers, Johnson, Spruance.

Judiciary—Spruance, Evans, Bradford, Cavender, Richards, Hearn, Burris, Martin, Harman, Murray.

Elections—Harman, Spruance, Cavender, Hering, Ellegood, Cannon.

Securing the purity of the ballot—Bradford, Evans, Carlisle, Cooper, Wright Dasey.

Corporations—Pratt, Clark, Dasey, Richards, Donahoe, Burris.

Crimes, punishments and impeachments—Moore, Cooch, Smithers, Sapp, Gilchist, Johnson.

Agriculture—Horsey, Wright, Pratt, Clark, Harman, Moore, Gilchist, Cavender.

Alterations and calling of constitutional conventions—Orr, Martin, Carlisle, Sapp, Burris, Harman.

Accounts—Saulsbury, Murray, Donahoe, Gilchrist, Ellegood, Orr.

Printing—Evans, Hering, Dasey.

Temperance—Ellegood, Cannon, Horsey, Hering, Evans, Carlisle.

Revenue and Taxation—Pratt, Clark, Cooch, Moore, Hearne, Orr.

Upon motion of Delegate Gilchist a Committee on Education was provided for to be named in the future.

The New Castle Sunday-school Association has petitioned for local option, and a delegation of ladies headed by Mrs. Cranston of Newport are pleading for the ballot for women.

The rulers proposed a two-thirds vote on the adoption of sections of the new constition and as a whole. After discussion the matter was laid on the table for future action.

The furnishing of the new Library Hall is giving the committee some trouble—permanent or temporary, cheap or good furniture, is the undecided question.

KENT COUNTY.

The bonded indebtedness of $1100 on Magnolia M. E. Church has been paid or provided for and the bond was publicly burned last Sunday morning with appropriate services.

The outbuildings on the "Foxwell" farm, near Clayton, tenanted by J. Fletcher Truax, were destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock last Sunday morning. From appearances it was the work of an incendiary, as the fire seemed to be started in two places.

Mrs. Virginia Jump, widow of the late Dr. Isaac Jump, of Dover, died on Monday aged 75 years. Dr. Jump was widely known as a physician and was prominent in state politics, being the Republican candidate for governor when John P. Cochran was elected.

Zach Donovan, who resides on the farm of the Hon. John W. Causey, near Milford has a whole fire department in his own family. Friday night of last week fire was discovered in the barn and the flames were extinguished by the aid of of Mr. Donovan and seventeen children, who formed a fire brigade.

Julia Ann Duffy, an old colored woman over a hundred years old, living with her son at Hartley, was found before the fireplace on Monday evening burned to death. It is supposed she fell in the fire, and as she was alone in the house, the rest of the family being away, and being too infirm to help herself, she perished before help came.

MY MARYLAND.

The waters of Maryland produce one-third of the total oyster supply in the world, and yield twice as many of the luscious bivalves as are grown in all foreign countries combined.

Capt. Andrew Woodall had 50,000 bushels of wheat in his granaries when the rise set in, and is now sending the grain to market as rapidly as his several vessles can carry it.

William Jones, of Elkton, has the distinction of riding on the first locomotive ever run in this country, and he was struck and seriously injured by the first coal-burning locomotive that ever ran on what is now the P. W. & B. Railroad.

Benjamin F. Moffit, of Galena, who sued the county commissioners of Kent county for $2,000, claiming damages to himself and horse one night last May from driving over a pile of stones which had been neglected left in the road, was given a verdict of $75. damages by the jury.

Snow Hill boasts of one of the most industrious ladies on the shore. This lady has passed her 87th birthday and notwithstanding her old age, she has cut, joined, and quilted three beautiful bed quilts, one of which contains over one thousand squares. She completed the three quilts in less than three months.

Miss Emma Warburton, daughter of Wm. T. Warburton, of Elkton, died Wednesday afternoon after an illness of more than one month of typhoid fever. Miss Warburton was in her nineteenth year and was a student of the Woman's College, Baltimore. She was a graduate of the Elkton Academy.

Revs. J. W. Haddaway, of the Methodist Protestant Church, and J. W. Easley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Centreville, have been holding a joint revival meeting, alternating between the two churches. On Wednesday by request, all of the stores in town were closed from 10 until 12 to afford all business men and employes an opportunity to attend a special service.

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An Old and well tried remedy.—Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. Is pleasant to the taste. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. 25 cent a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and get no other kind.

The Teachers' Round Table

Conducted by A. R. SPAID, Highlands, Del.

All teachers and friends of Education in New Castle County and the teachers of Kent and Sussex are invited to take seats.

A PRIZE FOR SOME SCHOOL BOY OR GIRL.

The pupil, who first sends the best answer to the following geography exercise, will receive a nice book. He must write a full description of the "traveler's" journey explaining and locating all terms in quotation marks, or underscored. He may receive help from his teacher, but he must state how much. When he sends his paper, he must give his age, the name of school, and the name of his teacher. All papers must be sent not later than Christmas.

A traveler left the "Smoking Mountain" of Mexico, which is a "solfatara," and passed through a "country" *which has more volcanoes in proportion to its area than any other part of the world.* He came to where they were building a new "ship canal," and going down to the sea he sailed to the "Queen of the Antilles." He landed at the "largest city" of the West Indies. This city is also the "greatest sugar market" in the world. Before leaving the West Indies, he visited the "island" noted for its "lake of pitch."

After reaching the "Triangular Continent," he sailed up the "King of Rivers," so wide that his ship was sometimes out of sight of land. This river drains a larger area and discharges more water into the ocean than any other river. It is noted for its "bores." *The traveler passed from this great river into another, in a canoe.* He went over into "Little Venice," and wrote his notes by the "Lantern of Maracaybo."

In Ecuador, *he ate oysters that had grown on trees.* He saw a "tree" *peculiar to the eastern slopes of the Andes*, north of latitude 23°. He visited the "highest city" in the world, and passed a "lake" whose *waters evaporate very rapidly.* He crossed a "desert" whose name can be remembered by the number of "a's" in it; and in passing through the Argentine Republic, he saw what is called a "fulgurite." He did not visit Robinson Crusoe's "island home," but traveling on south, he went through the "land of fire" to the "furnace cape."

I wish to call your attention to the fact that the old Constitution of Delaware does not possess a line on the great subject of education. The new Constitution certainly will not be in keeping with the progress of the times, should it not contain an articles pertaining to education.

I take the following from the constitution of a state whose educational system is good.

ARTICLE (?) EDUCATION.

SECT. 1.—The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public school wherein all children of this Commonwealth above the age of six years may be educated, and shall appropriate at least [a generous sum should be appropriated] each year for that purpose.

SECT. II.—No money raised for the support of the public schools of the Commonwealth shall be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school.

SECT. III.—Women twenty-one years of age and upward shall be eligible to any office of control or management under the school laws of this State.

Something similar to the above should be put into our new Constitution. It is my intention to send out a petition within a few days for the teachers and other interested persons to sign. It will do no harm to ask the Constitutional Convention to insert into the constitution, now under consideration, an article on education.

Let the members of the Round Table interest their friends in the matter. The stronger the article on education, the less attention may be paid to the judiciary; for an efficient school system for our State will mean fewer criminals.

May we have your names for enrollment for the next number? I trust that those who are already subscribers to the TRANSCRIPT will not think it too much trouble to send their names. The list will appear in the teachers' column.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

W. E. Hart is buying large quantities of poultry.

The W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting on Thursday.

Mrs. Emma Denning is a guest of her son, Thomas Maloney.

John Maloney, of near New Castle spent Wednesday and Thursday with relatives here.

Our merchants are preparing for Christmas. They are displaying quite an array of holiday goods.

Miss Jennie Marlay, of Delaware City gave quite a pleasing entertainment in the hall last Friday evening for the benefit of the W. C. T. U.

Dr, Hopkins and Mrs. Hoffecker, of Wilmington, were here on Sunday in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. They organized a branch on Monday night with ten members.

CURRENT EVENTS.

A national Congress of Mothers is to be held in Washington Feb. 16.

Valuable deposits of gold have been discovered within the city limits of Macon, Georgia, where a gold mine will soon be opened up.

Venezuela accepts the arrangements s country has made with Great Britain for settlement of her boundary dispute. Now all three Powers should be content.

President Cleveland has purchased the residence of Mrs. Slidell, at Princeton, N. J. for $50,000, and will make it his home after the expiration of his term as President.

The wife of Sheriff Holman, at Richmond Mo., prevented a mob from lynching two men who were confined in the jail waiting for trial under charge of murder. The sheriff had given up his keys but the woman stood at the head of the stairs leading to the prison, with a loaded revolver in her hand and kept the mob from getting to the cells.

Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, has presented an interesting relic to the First Church of Plymouth, Mass. It is a considerable portion of the original threshold of the church in Dreft Haven, Holland, in which the Pilgrims held their last service before departing for America. When Mr. Hoar was in Holland last summer he found it, and bought it for a small sum.

Kelley's $4.50 For $2.50.

30 DAYS SPECIAL.—For 30 days only, we offer you the following bargain lot of strictly pure and standard goods; 5 quart bottles pure California wines (sherry port, catawba, blackberry and Rhine), one quart bottle pure rye whiskey, (five years old) and one bottle extra quality champagne, and the whole lot, 7 bottles, goes for $2.50 the honest market value of which is $4.50. No other house can give you so much value for your money, as the one and only reliable, Family Liquor Store of James A Kelley. S. W. Cor. Tenth and Shipley Sts., Wilmington, Del.

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 7, 1896.

The Christmas Store THE store is the better store for being so much besides. Beauty reigns, and from the big Orchestrion that keeps the Basement tuneful to the Toy Store Annex—third floor, Chestnut street—the holiday spirit of life and gladness pervades the building.

Dolls hold court everywhere, though the greatest array of them is in the Basement Toy Store.

Mechanical Toys—all sorts of contrivances that "go"—are in the third floor Toy Store—reached easily by elevators running from the Chestnut street Arcade.

Would you have just a moment of quiet from the good-natured hubbub? Step into the Art Gallery by the Toy Store Annex. Restful, beautiful.

A share of the carpet store is given over to a Christmas Bazaar—all sorts of useful and decorative

things that can be sold at Fifty (50) Cents and One ($1) Dollar. This is a collection from regular stocks, assembled for your convenience. Ready this morning. Second floor, Market street.

Every one within a hundred miles of Philadelphia should see and enjoy the Christmas Wanamaker's. Unique.

Handkerchiefs for Presents FROM Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, France, China and Japan we have gathered nearly Three Thousand Styles, and the counters devoted to the selling would reach from Thirteenth street to the Mint and half as far again, if placed in a line.

And there isn't a poor lot in the collection, from the most modest every-day Pure Linen Handkerchiefs at 5c to the finest linen Handkerchiefs made—and they are $7 apiece. Two groups—

At 12 1-2c Each—

Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for women; hand embroidered corners.
Good quality white Handkerchiefs for women; lace edge.
Women's unlaundered Handkerchiefs; hemstitched and revered.
Women's hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with prettily embroidered initial.
Men's hemstitched Handkerchiefs—colored borders; lots of styles.
Men's unlaundered hemstitched Handkerchiefs—handsomely initialed.
Children's Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs—hemstitched edges; white.
Children's Japanese Silk Handkerchhiefs—embroidered and scalloped; colors.

At 25c Each—

Women's hemstitched Handkerchiefs—lace edged.
Women's scalloped and embroidered Handkerchiefs—a score of pretty patterns.
Women's hemstitched Hankerchiefs—beautifully embroidered.
Women's hemstitched Handkerchiefs—embroidered open-work initial.
Women's very fine, plain white hemstitched Handkerchiefs.
Men's all-white hemstitched Handkerchiefs.
Men's plain white hemstitched Handkerchiefs—with embroidered initial.
Plain white Japanese Silk Hankerchiefs—hemstitched. For men or women.
Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs—scalloped edges; beautifully embroidered.

Silks for Presents UNUSUALLY little prices have been put upon silks at Wanamaker's, recently, thanks to various contributing causes—and now the most popular silks of the season have been put in convenient shape for holiday selling—

Waist lengths
Skirt lengths
Dress lengths

each neatly boxed. The prices are not a cent more for this helpfulness, and many of the silks are yours at less than half their fair worth.

FOR WAISTS—

5 yds. Figured Taffeta for $2.50.
5 yds. Figured Taffeta for $3.
5 yds. fancy Striped Taffeta for $3.
5 yds. Glace Taffeta for $3.25.
5 yds. fancy striped Taffeta for $3.25.
5 yds. Brocaded Taffeta for 3.75.
5 yds. Brocaded Taffeta for $3.50.
5 yds. Brocaded Taffeta for $6.25.

FOR SKIRTS—

9 yds. Glace Taffeta for $5.50.
9 yds Black Taffeta for $5.
9 yds. Black Moire Antique for $7.
9 yds. Black Moire with satin figures for $8.75.

FOR DRESSES—

15 yds. Black Gros Grain, 24 in., for $11.

Black Dress Goods FORTY-EIGHT distinct styles and weaves of Black Dress Goods—from the best maker in all France are here to sell at an average half price. This seems strange, for the goods embrace a large share of the staple stuffs of this and every year. It is as though your grocer offered you sugar at half price. But we are chief distributors in America of these goods, and when the maker decided on a quick clearance of the contents of his stockroom of course the goods came here. Within sixty days the looms will whiz again, making more of these staple stuffs—to sell at more than double today's prices at Wanamaker's.

$1.00 French Serge, 50c.
$1.00 Mohair Diagonal, 50c.
$1.00 Wide Wale Diagonal, 50c.
$1.00 French Canvas, 50c.
$1.25 Fancy Canvas, 60c.
$1.25 Fancy Cheviot, 60c.
$1.50 Figured Canvas, 75c.
$1.75 Worsted Diagonal, 75c.
$1.50 Diagonal Cheviot, 75c.
$1.50 French Boucle, 75c.
$1.50 Rough Canvas, 75c.
$1.50 Rough Serge, 75c.
$1.50 Wide Wale Diagonal, 85c.
$1.75 Fancy Camel's-hair, 85c.
$2.00 Camel's-hair Canvas, $1.
$2.00 French Whipcord, $1.
$2.00 Diagonal Cheviot, $1.
$2.00 Broadcloth, $1.25.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

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Middletown Hardware House

will occupy this space next week.

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A Great Novel of the American Revolution

its serial leading feature for 1897 and the masterpiece of its author, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell. The story, "Hugh Wynne, Free Quaker," purports to be autobiograpy of its hero, an officer on Washington's staff. Social life in Philadelphia at the time of the Revolution is most interestingly depicted, and the characters include Washington, Franklin, Lafayette and others well known in history. It is safe to say that the readers of this great romance will obtain from it a clearer idea of the people who were foremost in Revolutionary days, and of the social life of the times, than can be had from any other single source. The work is not only historicall accurate, but is a most interesting story of love and war. The first chapters are in the November number. Howard Pyle will illustrate it.

Campaigning With Grant,

By General Horace Porter,

is the title of a series of articles which has been in preparation for many years. General Porter was an aide on General Grant's staff and a close friend of his chief, and the diary which he kept through the war is the basis of the present article, which are striking pen pictures of campaign life and scenes. They will be fully illustrated. The first one is in the November CENTURY.

A New Novel By Marion Crawford,

author of "Mr. Isaacs," "Saracinesca," "Casa Braccio," etc. entitled, "A Rose of Yesterday," a story of modern life in Europe with American characters, begins in November. The first of a series of engravings, made by the famous woodengraver, T. Cole, of the old English masters also is in this issue. New features will be announced from time to time.

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10 30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7 30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 12, 1896

Local News.

—All the Christmas specialties at Orrell's.

For Poultry. Apples and Sweet Potatoes go to Connellee.

—Flour has advanced $1.25 a barrel in the last 30 days and is still on the rise.

Small 2 lbs. chickens and under wanted by Green Bros., Odessa, Del

A little less than two weeks to Christmas makes us feel the necessity of looking about for the gifts, many or few, that we intend to buy.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

—When the morocco factory of Charles Baird & Co. in Wilmington is rebuilt the firm will employ more hands than it did before the fire.

—For Wright's Sachets, Violet Waters etc., we can supply you in all odors.
VAUGHAN'S PHARMACY.

—Every member of the Y. M. C. A. should remember the regular monthly meeting next Friday night, Dec. 18, and attend. Business matters will not run themselves.

Dolls' Hats and Ladies' collarettes are among the new holiday wrinkles at Mrs. A. M. McKee's.

For Sale—20 Horse Power Engine and Boiler all complete with brass fittings; also large iron feed mill for sale for want of use; a Bargain at $125.00. Address J. T. Stoops, New Castle, Del.

—The Middletown Pigeon Fanciers shipped on Thursday all their birds to Philadelphia parties for shooting purposes. They expect to put in another and a special variety the squabs of which bring a better price.

—The choicest meats and poultry at Orrell's in his new department. Try some of it.

—The marriage of Miss Mamie McWhorter, of St. Georges, to Mr. William Janvier, of Port Penn, will be celebrated in the St. Georges Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday evening, December sixteenth at 8 o'clock.

Best Canned Goods and Evaported Fruit of all kinds at W. T. Connellee's.

—Mr. J. A. Suydam expects to have the company of young people who are practicing the little comedy entitled "Trixie" fully drilled for a good performance on Christmas night in the Opera House. Proceeds for the Y. M. C. A. and the Crescent Club.

—For an imported good Tooth Brush, Hair Brushes, Nail Brushes, Thermometers, etc. Call at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

—The Young Men's Social Club of Middletown have perfected their arrangements for their Holiday Dance on New Year's Eve. Thursday, Dec. 31st. They expect to make it equally as pleasant as have been their former dances.

—Mrs. C. M. Stanger has put in a line of confections, Butter Cups, Mixtures and Nut Candies for Christmas. all fresh.

—A stranger said to be from Lowell, Mass. was saved from death by Conductor I. T. Parker at Dover, on Tuesday. He attempted to board express train No. 45, as it left the station, and fell. He was going under the wheels, when conductor Parker caught him.

Its folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

—C. P. Gears has sold his blacksmith shop on West Main street to George Peterson who is well known to the trade here having been a blacksmith for years. Mr. Gears it is understood will succeed Messrs. Armstrong & Sparks as proprietor of the Smyrna Hotel.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand

—If you want flowers of any kind remember that Pennrock Company, Wilmington, can supply you at short notice. Mail orders receive prompt attention and by careful attention in packing, flowers may be sent to any part of the Peninsula and arrive at destination in good condition.

—Foreign and domestic fruits, oranges, bananas, apples, figs, dates and raisins at Orrell's.

—Bishop Coleman has appointed the following committee to memorialize the Constitutional Convention in regard to the subject of marriage and divorce: Rev. T. G. Littell, Hon. E. L. Martin, J. C. Taylor, E. T. Warner and J. B. Foard.

—Call and see our display of Wright's Triple Extracts in cut glass bottles in fancy boxes, all odors. VAUGHAN'S PHARMACY.

—Judge Grubb has appointed T. E. Young cashier of the Farmers' Bank and Henry Baird, cashier of the National Bank of Delaware, one a Republican the other a Democrat, a committee to audit the accounts of John T. Dickey and Comptroller Scasts.

—All kinds of mixtures, nut candies and choice confections at Orrell's.

—Mr. James Hall moved this week into the Walmsley home on Crawford street, the Dodd house which he vacated being untenanted for the time being. Mrs. Webb has purchased the pretty little house on the East End owned by Mr. J. C. Wilson of Townsend.

—Don't you want a Toilet Atomizer? Can you give a prettier Xmas gift? We can please you in styles and colors. Watch our window display. VAUGHAN'S PHARMACY.

—The prettiest pigs ever prepared for the pan were seen at Mr. J. K. Long's on Monday evening. A pair of them dressed for Mr. Alex Maxwell at the Merritt House, Wilmington. Mr. Long is an expert in dressing pork, as this pair of porkers have proven.

Candies and Nuts; Fresh Fruit for Fruit Cakes at W. T. Connellee's.

—Mr. T. Edgar Clayton at Mt. Pleasant slaughtered this week the champion porker of St. Georges hundred. His hogship was of the Jersey Red stock and weighed 553 pounds, beating by 19 pounds the large porker killed last week on the farm of Mr. Richard Clayton.

—Try some of Orrell's groceries. beans, hominy and cranberries.

—Mrs. Fannie Lockwood has begun her mid-winter sale of millinery, at bargain prices. Newest winter styles in trimmed hats and bonnets. She also has a fine assortment of stamped linen doilies, carvers and center pieces with every color and shade in embroidery silk.

—The Junior Auxiliary of St. Anne's P. E. Church will have a bazaar in Wood's Hall, this Saturday evening from 3 till 9 o'clock. They will have cake, home made candies and fancy articles for sale and those looking for Christmas presents will do well to patronize the Junior's bazaar.

—We are well stocked in Soaps, such as W. H. Brown's Cold Cream and Glycerine, Jersey Cream, Palm Oil, Buttermilk, Cuticura etc. Prices are pleasing.
VAUGHAN'S PHARMACY.

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Anne's shipped this week a Christmas box to a minister's family in North Carolina. It contained, besides various outfits for the different members of the family, a number of household articles such as "only a woman" would think of. The ladies of Newark, Delaware City and Symrna had a hand in in furnishing the supplies.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—The song of the shirt to the merriest tune of the season is heard at the Shirt Factory these days. In order to fill the large orders already in by Christmas, the force is working till nine o'clock at night and the prospects were never brighter for a busy season than at present. A full force on full time and full pay make good times for many a Middletown family.

—Many rejoice that they ever heard of "Goldey's," that well-known Wilmington (Del.) Commercial and Shorthand College. Its short, practical courses soon fitted these young people for good positions.

—The Publishers of the *Union Signal*, the official organ of the National W. C. T. U., have donated a copy of this excellent magazine to the Y. M. C. A. of Middletown for one year, beginning with this month, which courtesy is much appreciated by the association. Mrs. H. M. Barr has also contributed a number of books to their library, Shakespeare's works being among the number.

—For nuts, raisins and all kinds of dried fruits go to Satterfield's, on North Broad street. He has very nice mixtures from 8 cents to 15 cents per lb., and every thing in the line of groceries and canned goods.

—Mrs. Massey invites your attention to her stock of Christmas goods. She has a beautiful collection of cut glass and silver were, and a great variety of novelties pretty fancies in silver and gold, pins, rings and all kinds of jewelry. Clocks watches and pretty ornaments for the mantle and sideboard especially suitable for Christmas gifts or wedding presents.

—If you want blankets to put your horses in condition for the sale, we have them and will sell them to you in large lots at quantity prices. Wholesale & Retail.
J. C. PARKER.

—Little Joseph Walker had a painful accident on Saturday. In attempting to cross the road near his home on East Main street, he ran directly in front of a horse ridden by Lee Orrel, and was knocked down and ran over, the fingers of one hand being badly cut, requiring the surgeon's skill, but fortunately there were no other injuries. The horse and his rider were also thrown, and there was a general scare at the East End but no serious results.

—Get Minnesapolis flour for the Christmas cookies, at Satterfield's. It is the best flour in the market, and makes the sweetest, whitest bread.

Rev. William Fitz-Simon, moderator of the Presbytery of New Castle, which met this year at Zion, Cecil county, has appointed the following committee to investigate the Olivet Street Church trouble at the meeting of the Presbytery at Middletown: Rev. Dr. D. E. Shaw, Colora, chairman; Rev. J. B. Turner, Dover, Del; Rev. Dr. Reigart, Salisbury, Md.; John T. DeWitt, Providence, Md., and W. T. Skinner, M. D. Glasgow, Delaware.

—Car load of New York State apples at Middletown depot Wednesday, December 16th, to be sold at wholesale and retail at very reasonable figures. Farmers should purchase a barrel each.—A. R. Brigdon,

—Farmers' Institute—There will be a special meeting of the New Castle County Farmers' Institute, free to all, to be held in Odessa on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15, at 2 o'clock. Prof. C. E. Chapman of Peruville, N. Y., will address the meeting. His subject will be principally of Swine and their care, Dairies with special reference to silos. These meetings are open to the public and a full attendance is urged.

Having decided to discontinue business we are now selling out our entire stock of millinery goods at greatly reduced prices; an entire new stock of trimmed and untrimmed hats and bonnets in velvet and felt; also ribbons, flowers, feathers and ornaments. Bargains for buyers before Dec. 25.
MISSES ECHENHOFER.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Ellison have issued cards of invitation to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Clayton Ellison to Mr. Julius W. Clayton, on December 16th at six o'clock P. M. in the P. E. Church at Chesapeake City. The bride elect is a grand-daughter of the late Col. Joshua Clayton, and is one of old Bohemia Manor's most attractive and popular young ladies.

—January 19th will be a big day in Dover as the following events are expected to occur on that day: The Constitutional Convention will still be in session, the General Assembly will be in session, balloting for a United States Senator will begin, Governor-elect Tunnel will be inaugurated and will appoint his secretary of the state, and the Court of Errors and Appeals will meet to hear the Kent county mandamus case.—Index.

—Having to move, I have decided to take a smaller store and will therefore sell out my entire stock of dry goods and notions, including linings, trimmings, muslins, ginghams and fancy dress goods, laces ribbons, fine handkerchiefs and made-up fancy articles; Also millinery goods including some very fine velvet and felt hats, at a great reduction in prices. My goods are all new and my stock carefully selected and holiday bargain hunters will find it to their advantage to come early and get first choice. Mrs. M. C. Barnett, Cochran Block.

—One of the finest companies that have appeared in the Middletown Opera House for years was the Torbett Concert Company which played to less than fifty people on Wednesday evening. They rendered the full programme and Miss Ollie Torbett, whose equal as a violinist has never been heard in Middletown, responded to the encore as charmingly and as cheerfully as though the hall had been crowded. The singing by the male sextette was the most perfect harmony and the piano solos by Miss Mawson were delightful. It is a shame that so excellent an entertainment should be so poorly patronized.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Mr. James Warren was in Philadelphia on Wednesday and Thursday.

—Mr. D. L. Dunning, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with old friends in town.

—Mr. Allen McDowell and Mr. McLean, of Philadelphia, spent the week in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones, of Bridgeville, are visiting at Mr. Wm. Taylor's.

—Miss Maybelle Taylor spent Sunday in Philadelphia, the guest of Miss Ada Mifflin.

—Miss Bernice Metten entertained Misses Beck and Becket, of Smyrna, several days this week.

—Messrs. George Echenhofer and Robert Johnson, of Philadelphia, are spending the week in town.

—Messrs. Howard Turner and Maxwell Price of Still Pond, Md., are guests of Dr. W. E. Barnard.

—Mrs. Wm. Taylor was the guest of Mrs. Wm. McGonigal, in Philadelphia on Monday and Tuesday.

—Miss Susie Parker, of the Western Maryland College at Lutherville, is home for the Christmas holidays.

—Mrs. Letitia Goldsborough, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Margaret Clayton, on Cass Street.

—Miss Daisy Naudain returned home on Monday from a week's visit in Philadelphia, the guest of Miss Ada Mifflin.

—Miss Stella Cochran and Mrs. Henry Roberts spent several days this week in Philadelphia on a shopping expedition.

—Miss Ida Howell is on the sick list consequently there has been no school in Department No. 2 several days this week.

—Mr. Albert Price who was confined to his house for over a week, suffering with severe cold, is able to be out again this week.

—Miss Clara Vaughan, of Milton, spent several days this week in town, the guest of her brothers, Dr. Horace and Mr. E. M. Vaughan.

—Mrs. J. M. Arthurs, of Kenton, and W. E. Wright Esq. of Philadelphia, are at their sister's Mrs. Martin B. Burris being summoned to the bed side of their aunt.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jolls, of Wyoming, are receiving the congratulations of their many friends upon the recent arrival in their home of a winsome, wee daughter, their first born.

—Mrs. Caroline J. Smith was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday at noon, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Martin B. Burris where she has been visiting for the past six weeks, and is now critically ill.

—Mrs. Thos. Cochran is entertaining her young grandson, little Thos. Fletcher Cochran, to-day, who with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cochran, Jr. of New York will return to Georgetown, Md., this evening.

—Mrs. Samuel Price gave a birthday tea and surprise party for her husband last evening which was a very delightful occasion. Those present were: Mr, and Mrs. R. L. Price, Miss Mary Price, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones and Miss Eliza Hurn.

CHURCH CHIMES.

Rev. P. H. Rawlins, of Harrington one of the old and strong members of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, will fill the pulpit in the M. E. Church to-morrow, morning and evening.

Send Us the News.

A good piece of advice to people who live in the country is to take up the habit of waiting for the newspaper from their neighborhood. It is a pleasant diversion as well as a profitable one to the mind and facilitaties the passing of leisure moments. Time spent in gathering up the happenings of a neighborhood is a good practice to the mind, as it cultivates detail and accuracy—two things which a great many lack in this busy rush of life. Then. there is a sense of gratification indescribable in reading something written by one's self. Newspapers are nearly always pleased to hear from any of their friends in the country and take great pleasure in publishing the items of news they gather and send.

David J. Murphy.

David J. Murphy, of Newark, and well known throughout this county, died at the residence of his son in Philadelphia on Sunday, aged 78 years. He was at one time a member of the Delaware Legislature and was a trustee of Delaware College. He was twice married, divorce proceedings against his second wife being in the courts at the time of his death.

Woodland School.

The following pupils averaged 90 per cent or above in lessons and attendance for the month of November. Robt. Morgan, Bayard Eliason. Harry Dolson, Edgar Bishop, Rena Dolson, Bessie Bishop, Jean Metten, Ida Armstrong, Nellie Armstrong, Macsie Eliason, Geo. Paxson, Matilda Truitt.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised Mrs. E. Turner, James Wells, Lizzie Brown W. J: Compton, Annie Davis, George Manlaf.

OLD SUSSEX.

Frederick Guyer, a Baltimore oysterman, met a terrible death at Greenwood on Tuesday. He attempted to jump from a P. W. & B. freight train, and in doing so was hurled against a coal bin and knocked under the wheels. His body was cut in two and the car was thrown off the track by the accident.

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FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS.

The Tour Among the Stores Continued From Last Week.

Now the merry war is on! We started them last week, the Christmas shoppers and they are out now in full force; wise women with well-filled pocket-books and others just as wise but with lean-looking pocket-books. But the merchants know very well that a woman's shopping ability is not guoged by the fatness of her purse, for some with only a modest sum will trade with every merchant in town, so diversified are their purchases and so liberal their patronage, while another will spend her whole big allowance in one place, maybe all for one thing. But there is room for all and a holiday smile of greeting awaits the Christmas shoppers at all the Middletown stores.

'Tis true the bulk of the shopping is being done now, the prudent woman is bestirring herself, taking time by the forelock, knowing that if she delays, the things her heart is set on having will be snapped up by someone else, and the good advice of last week is emphasized to-day. Ramble around with us from store to store, examine things, ask about them, don't be too hasty in deciding, make haste slowly, and get all of the gladsome Christmas spirit possible into your shopping and then your purchases will be real "Christmas gifts."

We, that is you and the TRANSCRIPT will begin nearest home to-day, right here at our next door neighbor's on the corner

AT BRAGDON'S

The holly bough and berry have already the place of honor and garlands of evergreen arch this always pretty store, which, in holiday attire, is prettier than ever. Mr Bragdon makes a specialty of fine toile articles and his stock is just the kind to capture the Christmas shoppers looking for nice things, pretty, good and cheap all combined. He has fine extracts, soaps and toilet paraphernalia in great variety, and also some very choice confections, for he knows what's what, Bragdon does. It is hard to get away from here, the beauty and perfume charm the senses so, and the proprietor is so pleasant, polite and agreeable. But we must journey on, for Christmas comes apace and we've many places yet to visit.

STANGER'S

will surely take your eye as you cross over to Cochran Square. The window scene is unique, giving a suggestion of the proprietor's warrior tastes in the the miniature military encampment while the shepherds and their flocks near by give the Christmas touch to the picture. Stanger's is the new restaurant, you know, and they also have a nice lot of Christmas candies besides their regular line, always in stock.

AT PARKER'S.

"Among the novelties with a future ahead of it is a nickel-in-the-slot attachment for bicycles, which are to be used for rental Unless the machine is fed with a nickel once in awhile, the mechanism is such that it will lock the wheel and it cannot be used until the required coin is deposited." The above device is not to be found at Parker's because it is yet a "future" but all the latest improvements not only in bicycles but in harness, robes blankets, etc., may be found at the Diamond State Harness Store and why not go there for your Christmas present—the substantial one?

Speaking of substantial presents,

LETHERBURY'S

Is another place for substantials, of a very different kind though. His is a hardware tin, and stove store, with all the up-to-date wrinkles in cooking utensils, agate, porcelain and steel ware, and if anybody thinks such things are too sordid and utilitarian for Christmas presents, listen to what the housewives say as they look, almost with envy, upon the porridge pots, steamers, saucepans, etc., and tell how they delight in nice "cooking things." A good stove and cookerythings are very important adjuncts to the Christmas cheer.

Mrs. Rice has kept Santa Claus' Headquarters so long that somehow the children and he have come to believe there is no sort of Christmas at all without her, and just to please St. Nick and his devotees, at this time

MR. AND MRS. HARRY JONES

Have installed her at Rice's old stand in charge of the restaurant and confectionary store. New paper and paint have made the interior like a new place and it is inviting enough to please the most finicky folks who want everything extra nice. They had their opening on Thursday, with a fine fresh stock of candies which will be greatly increased before Christmas. Their candies just "make your mouth water," as the children say.

Whose neat and artistic window is that over on the other side? That is

MR. A. M. CHAMBERLAIN'S.

He always has such nice things and he displays them in such exquisite taste. It is the very oldest drug store in the town, still in the family of its founders, and is a very reliable establishment not only for drugs but spices, extracts and toilet articles.

The Christmas market basket is something dear to the housewife's heart, and the filling of it is as important as filling the stockings. But no matter how big or how little your basket.

DEVALINGER'S

Is the place for you. Groceries, green and dry, fruits native and foreign, nuts, raisins, figs, meat and poultry, cereals, crackers, cakes always ready, and next week he is going to have some special fancies for Christmas, so you can be on the lookout for some pleasant surprises. This is a wide awake, go-ahead firm, but their people are never in too much hurry to be polite and obliging.

About that Christmas turkey. It is not too soon now to bespeak him. You did not get one Thanksgiving. Your own fault though. Waiting till the day before the feast, and then fuss at your dealer because he had no turkeys in stock for you to choose from. The market of small towns is too uncertain for local dealers to carry a heavy stock. But you tell

J. K. LONG

what you want, a ten or a twenty pounder, and if it's to be had he'll get it, or anything else in the poultry or meat line. He knows all the nice flocks in the neighborhood and he can just get his pick, and say what you will, the turkey is a very necessary and important part of the Christmas festival.

MRS. PETERSON

Has all her force busy night and day sewing, making the machines hum; All those pretty dresses, wrappers, waists and underwear are her own make. But that is not all she has. Groceries, drygoods notions and a millinery department are also in her line and now she's busy with her Christmas things. There are no drones in that hive.

G. E. HUKILL

Has everything nice and new for Christmas in his new store in the Town Hall building, where he has room enough to show off his goods and also show what an attractive place a hardware store can be made. He has a fine store that is well worth your while to visit, and you'll be surprised too to find how cheap some of those nice new household appliances are.

Purgatorial Pills.

The druggist would hardly smile if you asked for "purgatorial pills." There are many of them. But he would probably recommend a pill that did not gripe; a sugar-coated pill, gentle in action, and sure in effect. What are they called?

..Ayer's Cathartic Pills..

"We" of the TRANSCRIPT have another very pleasant neighbor, who has one of the most interesting stores in town and that is

J. H. EMERSON

One of the first and best places for Christmas shoppers to go. He can supply almost any want, "long felt" or any other kind, from an elegant buffet to a high chair, a bed-room or parlor suit to the various articles of kitchen furniture. He can make your new carpet and lay it; arrange your draperies and give the very newest points in house decorations. He has everything in furniture that you can possibly desire, two or three ware houses full, the prettiest little desks and escritoires, stands, tables and chairs, and no matter what you want he's the man for you. And if it wasn't such a greusome thing to say to Christmas shoppers we'd tell you he's an undertaker too, and has the handsomest new hearse in the county. It was old Gabrill Grubb wasn't it, who sang for a Christmas carol while digging a grave "Brave lodgings for one; A few feet of cold earth when life is done?" A very grave song for Christmas eve, and as undertaking is such grave work we'll let it pass, for we are not in it yet, as the boy said of the hearse. But we still stick to the text, Emerson will do the right thing by you, dead or alive, and he's a mighty clever fellow, and handy too, only next door, you know.

And as for the Middletown milliners, every body knows what marvels of beauty they create, and a new bonnet a pretty ribbon and a dainty veil are among the things that take the feminine eye at

MRS. MCKEE'S.

While the same things in different patterns are found at

MRS. BARNETT'S

Who will not only rig you out in head gear but will make your whole out fit, not a misfit either, and

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In their little nest of a milliner's parlor up on the corner of Main and Cass streets, make as handsome a display as the larger establishments.

MRS. F. H. LOCKWOOD.

Has the old stand, known throughout the community for years as the fashionable milliner store, and it has the same reputation yet.

DELAWARE CITY.

Lena Neff is ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. Depew was in town on Monday.

May Hickey is recovering from malaria

Miss Jennie Vail was in town on Monday.

Mrs. W. T. Vail has been quite sick with the Grippe.

Mr. E. A. Stout was in Philadelphia on Monday.

Mrs. G. Longstreet, of Baltimore, was in town on Monday.

Miss Hackett, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. F. Reybold.

Mrs. Bradway and Miss Lidie spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Miss Adaline Cooper is spending the winter in Wilmington.

Miss Sally Gassner has recovered from her indisposition.

Miss J. W. J. Marley gave a recital at Townsend on Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Schunder visited her mother near Port Penn this week.

Mrs. Frank Reybold and Miss Natalie spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Laura Webb spent several days this week with Mrs. H. C. Johannes.

The W. C. T. U. met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Julia Brewer.

A meeting of the trustees of the M. E. Church was held on Monday evening.

The Whist Club gave a terrapin supper on Tuesday night at the Robinson House.

The family of David Vail in Dutch Neck have recovered from the typhoid fever.

Mrs. Margaret Hunter has returned from visiting Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox, from near Bear's Station visited Mrs. Wm. T. Vail this week.

The Woman's Foreign Mission met at the M. E. Parsonage on Thursday evening.

A Grand Cake walk and banquet was held at the hall (old Carriage factory) on Thursday night.

Rev. George S. Gassner is spending a week with his friend, Col. Robert W. Floyd, in New York.

The Major Reybold goes to Philadelphia on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, returning on the alternate days.

On Friday evening a stereoptican exhibition was given in the M. E. chapel under the auspices of the Epworth League.

Joseph Reeves is spending a week in Baltimore and Washington, D. C. and expects to meet his br other Will while there

There was no service held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday on account of the illness of the pastor. He was also unable to attend the prayer meeting on Friday evening, but has recovered from his indisposition.

The sad news of the death of Miss Maggie Stout was received on Wednesday at the home of her uncle, Mr. Worman, in Philadelphia. She had been visiting friends in Easton, Pa., and was taken ill on the journey to Philadelphia and was unable to reach home.

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Notice--Election!

NEW CASTLE CO. NAT. BANK, OF ODESSA
ODESSA, DEL.,
December 10th, 1896

The stockholders annual meeting for the election of Nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held in the banking house on Wednesday, January 6th, 1897, between the hours of 11 o'clock, a. m., and 1 p. m.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Notice--Election!

PEOPLES NAT. BANK, OF MIDDLETOWN,
MIDDETOWN, DEL.,
December 12th, 1896.

The annual election for Ten Directors will be held at the banking house, on Saturday, January 9th, 1897, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.

GEO. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Election Notice!

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.
December 12th, 1896.

The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of Nine Directors to serve this Bank for the ensuing year will be held in the banking house on Tuesday, January 12th, 1897, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m., and 12 m.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF—
REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of Chancellor of the State of Delaware, made the 8th day of December, A. D., 1896, will be exposed to sale at public vendue, on

Wednesday, DECEMBER 30, '96

AT 9.30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

at the Hotel of J. L. Dickinson, Townsend, Delaware, the following described real estate late of Jacob Hill, deceased, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate in Blackbird hundred, New Castle County aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Bounded by lands of John C. Patterson, now deceased, by lands of Helveston, by lands late of Samuel Lindsay and lands late of E. R. Cochran, and others; Containing

194 ACRES OF LAND,

be the same more or less.

And it is ordered by the Chancellor that the said Trustee make return of his proceedings in the execution of this order to an adjourned term of the Court of Chancery, to be held at Wilmington, on Saturday, the 2d day of January, A. D., 1897.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by MARTIN B. BURRIS, Trustee.

Attest:
COLEN FERGUSON, Register in Chancery.

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Embroidered Flannels for skirts; 50, 75, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 per yard; put up in boxes in skirt patterns.

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Citizens National Bank.—President, Joseph Biggs; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Teller, L. Darlington. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds' Building at 7 o'clock

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

Lord Delaware Circle, No. 16, Brotherhood of the Union. Meets 1st and 3d Friday, McWhorter's Hall at 8 p. m.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL, DEC. 12, 1896

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SHEEP RAISING AS A REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE FARM.

I am a sheep man first, last and all the time, for it is my belief that sheep are the only farm animals that are profitable, says a writer in "American Agriculturist." In September, 1893, I bought seventy eight head of a sheep, which averaged sixty-six pounds. The following May I sold twenty-four head for $2.10 per head, four head for $8.50, eighty-four head $120.40. I had four left. The sheep cost me $103.80. Summing up all expenses, including first cost, value of sheep on hand, wool, etc, I find I made a net profit of $94.70. Not counting labor required to take care of the flock, I received $1.50 per bushel for grain fed. This does not take into account the value of the manure, or the good the sheep did as scavengers. The man who cares for sheep must be especially adpated to this kind of work. In 1883, I was working for a man in Barber county, Kansas, and hand under my charge 800 sheep. I took the sheep through one of the hardest winters, and lost only twenty-six out of the flock. This was considered remarkable, as the sheep men in that vicinity count on a loss of ten per cent. When the ewes began to drop their lambs, out of a possible four hundred I saved three hundred and sixty, or ninety per cent. It was only, however, by special attention and care that it was possible to save so large a number.

Last year at my home in Indiana, twenty-nine ewes produced forty-one lambs. Thes heep which I feed and handle myself are no more trouble than so many chickens. Some years ago I went into partnership with Mr. John Bailey and bought one hunderd and forty-five sheep. The dry weather came on and Mr. Bailey became alarmed, and told me to take the entire flock myself, I did so. I sold one hundred and five of them and retained forty. At the end of the next year I had a net profit of $119.20 from this flock. This, too, under adverse conditions. From the above it will be seen that sheep are profitable, if carefully looked after,

HELPFUL IN EMERGENCIES.

One who has lived in the country, and had to go through the weary waiting, looking for the doctor to come, in case of a child's broken arm or some such accident, knows how important it is to learn of helpful remedies to relieve the sufferer. My father was a physician, and always had my mother keep on hand a solution of borax water. In case of a burn or scald or fresh cut, he had her apply it freely to the wound saying it was healing and cooling, and never harmful; and for bad sore throats or irritating coughs, she made a gargle of salt water and borax, which gave quick relief.

Once in an alarm of diphteria with my little brother, my mother applied a wet bandage of warm water and borax, with a dry cloth outside, and when the physician came (my father being away,) he said it perhaps helped to save the child's life.

Such simple remedies as witch-hazel, vaseline, camphor and balsam, should be kept constantly on hand, especially in the country, where it takes hours to get a doctor, or the medicines either. It behooves every young mother to learn all she can about illness, sudden diseases, and such ailments as children have, for they can save many a doctor's bill, besides relieving the sufferer.

I have been with young mothers in such trying times, and they seemed not to have any remedies on hand at all. We would call for the mustard, brandy, vaseline, borax, camphor, and in despair we would have to stop calling, for she had nothing, and we had to wait for the doctor. A medicine chest is a necessity in a household, and it ought to be so that you could put your hands on anything in it in the darkest night. Experience is a sad teacher, but it seems to do little good in some people's homes. The same panic will take place in case every of accident—mother scared to death, but cannot find a remedy for a poor burnt child. S. H.—Louisville, Ky.

POULTRY NOTES FOR DECEMBER.

Close your windows every night and open them every morning, except in stormy weather, for pure air and ventilation.

Keep plenty of litter in your coops. Laying hens must be kept busy; make them work for every mouthful.

Hang a fresh cabbage in each coop every day.

Keep your shell boxes well filled.

Clean drop-boards every day, and kerosene roosts, upper and under side; each week.

Your show specimens will require special attention.

Advertise your surplus cockerels for sale; this is the month for high prices.

Cull your flock close; do not feed useless specimens.

Beware of drafts at night, and you will prevent much sickness.

Diversified farming has two great advantages over that which is confined to one or two specialties. If the different crops are properly chosen there will be a succession of marketing to be done through the year, and also something to be done on the farm to keep its labor at all times. Where the specialty only is grown, though it may bring a good deal of money when sold, most of this has already been expended during the season while the crop was being grown. This is the difficulty with the Southern planter who depends wholly on his cotton crop. After the expense of making it is deducted the planter has less ready money than if he had more crops, so as to be able to sell every month in the year.

Much of our land has been tilled until it has lost a large part of its humus. The result is that the soil tends to pack, the air does not enter it freely, natural chemical changes are checked, moisture is not retained during droughts, and unproductiveness increases. Clover changes all this, but when it fails to make a catch we can use other and faster growing crops to furnish the needed vegetable matter. Some of them cannot add any nitrogen from the air to the soil, but they supply the chief want of this worn out land by filling it with decaying vegetation, when the growths are plowed under.

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Raked the meadow, sweet with hay.
A summer boarder, whose words were fair,
She married, and went away from there.
And she wished she'd remained, when she saw her mistake.
Wed to that other kind of rake.

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"It gives me pleasure to state that after having taken four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla the eczema with which I was suffering has entirely disappeared. My skin is now as clear and free from eruptions as that of a child. My husband says that I look like a girl of sixteen instead of a woman of thirty." Mrs. Emma Hundley, 1321 Kenyon St., N. Washington, D. C.

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Wife—"Oh, but the one I should buy would be a lady's watch, suitable for me to carry."

A boy walked into a London merchant's office in search of a situation. After being put through a series of questions by the merchant, he was asked: "Well, my lad, what is your motto?" "Same as yours, sir," he replied. "Same as you have on your door—push." He was engaged.

Pennsylvania Railroad to Issue Clerical Orders.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for 1897 it will issue clerical orders to regularly ordained clergymen in charge of churches located on or near its lines east of Pittsburg and Erie To secure these orders clergymen should make application to the nearest ticket agent as soon as possible, as it is desired that all applications reach the General Office by December 15.

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Our Woman's .....Column

PUBLIC attention has recently been drawn to the fact that everyone of the daughters of the great European banking house of Rothschild has been brought up as if she were destined to earn her daily bread, and this, together with the prominence achieved in the world of letters and of art by certain ladies of title in England and on the Continent appears to have given rise to the impression that culture and accomplishments are the rule instead of the exception among the fair sex of the Old World. In fact, regret has actually been expressed in several quarters on this side of the Atlantic that the daughters of America should be inferior in instruction and attainment of one kind and another to their sisters of Europe. There is, however, but little cause for any lament of this kind and speaking not of individual cases, but of American women in general, it may be questioned whether they are not as a class superior in brilliancy and in intellectual equipment to the women on yonder side of the Atlantic.

The average American girl knows all about Europe, and without a moment's hesitation could rattle off the names of the various rulers of the Old World. But it would be difficult to find one gentlewoman in a hundred in England who is acquainted with the identity of the President of the United States, who has the faintest conception of the distinction between the two great National parties here, or who does not imagine that Boston is only a few hours' distance from New-Orleans. This ignorance of the Englishwomen as a class is so general that when any one of their number can really put forward any claim to accomplishments that are, after all, ordinary, she is at once considered in the light of a phoenix, and her name is heralded forth in the press to such a degree as to convey an altogether wrong impression abroad in regard to the intellectual calibre of the English woman. Were accomplishments more general among the fair sex of Great Britain, it is doubtful whether we should hear so much about the attainments of the young Duchess of Sutherland as a pastry cook, of the late Duchess of Leinster's skill in trimming bonnets, of Lady Warwick's knowledge of horticulture, of Mrs. "Dodo" Asquith's mastery of English politics, and of Lady Reay's acquaintance with foreign tongues and literature.

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SOME WOMAN OF NOTE.

Annie Corbin, daughter of the late Austin Corbin, the New York millionaire, managed a small hotel last summer at Shinnecock Hills, L. I., and showed much ability in the matter.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Seward, editor and owner of "The Stillwater Messenger," is a member of the Bill-posters' Association, and it is said is the only woman enjoying that distinction. She has the contract for doing all the posting in her city, and employs a force of six or eight men. Assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Seward edits and manages "The Messenger," Minnesota's oldest weekly paper.

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Mrs. Nansen, the wife of the famous Artic explorer, is the owner of a remarkable carrier pigeon, which, after being away from its home for nearly two years, winged its way back over a thousand miles of frozen waste and yet another thousand of ocean and forest and plain. Under its shining white wing it brought a note from Nansen, telling his wife that he was well and that the expedition was doing finely.

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Mrs. Christina E. Yates, of Oakland, Cal. is probably the oldest wheelwoman in this country. She is 80 years old and has a high record for skilful riding. She says age does not count in riding a bicycle.

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NOT NEW, BUT OLD.

The question of woman's supremacy is not a new one. In Rome, under the Empire, a tribunal of women was established to decide questions regarding luxury and etiquette. The Emperor Heliogabalus consulted this assembly frequently. They decided questions of precedence, the number and state of females at court, upon the style of carriages the Emperor should ride in, whether sedan chairs should be ornamented with silver or ivory, and contested the rights of man with an intelligence worthy of the present time. It was a veritable senate of fashion, was approved of by wiser men than Heliogabalus, and was re-established and maintained by his successors. The admission of woman's right to govern does not always signify an advanced state of society, as will be seen from the following account of a small State in Java, between the towns of Samarang and Bantam, known at the kingdom of Bantam. In regard to its form of government and the manners and customs of its inhabitants, it far exceeds the wildest-dreams of feminine minds. From time immemorial Bantam, though tribuary to Holland has been governed by women. The sovereign is a man, but that fact scarcely counts, as he is subject to a council of three women. High dignitaries, officers, soldiers, and all the attendants are without exception women, who see that the men are employed in agriculture and commerce. The king's body-guard is composed of a corps of women soldiers, who ride astride their horses like men and handle a short, sharp lance with dexterity. They carry a rifle, too, with ease, and aim and fire with accuracy at full gallop. The oldest son of the king succeeds to the crown, but if the king dies without male heirs a hundred women, specially appointed, meet and select one of their own sons by vote and proclaim him the legitimate sovereign. In several villages of Finland the woman has authority, for a religious sect exist there whose disciples are forced, when about to marry to take a vow to submit to the wife in all things. The women choose one woman for their governing head, whose duty it is to see that the men behave themselves, and to punish them if they transgress.

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SOUTHWARD.

	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MA'L P. M	EXP. P. M
Philadelphia	‡7 25	‖10.20	12.02	‖3.46	‖6.36	‖11.50
Baltimore	6.28	8.50	‖2 05	5.00	5.27	7 3
Wilmington	8 13	11.04	2.50	4.27	6.53	11 6
Farnhurst	‡ 8.52		‡ 2 58			
New Castle	8 27		3.03		7:06	
State Road	‡8 33		‡ 3.08	4.51	‡7:11	
Bear	‡8.38		‡ 3.13		7:16	
Porter	8.45				7:23	
Kirkwood	8.50		‡ 3.22		7:28	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		‡ 3.31		‡7:36	
Armstrong	‡ 9 03				7:40	
Middletown	9 08	11.50	3.40	5 16	7:46	12.99
Townsend	9 17		‡ 3.48	5.25	7:54	
Blackbird	‡ 9.22		‡ 3.52		‡7:59	
Gr'n Spring	‡ 9.27		‡ 3.58		‡8:05	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	4.05	5.37	8:10	12.07
Smyrna, LV	9 23	11.57	3.52	5 27	8:00	
Brenford	‖9.38		‡ 4.10		8:15	
Cheswold	‖9 43		‡ 4.15		‡8:21	
Dupont			‡ 4.18			
Dover	9.58	12 23	4.25	5 56	8:31	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	‖12.29	4 31	6.02	8:37	a 1.24
Woodside	‖10 11		‡ 4 37			
Viola	‖10.15		‡ 4.41			
Felton	10 20	‖12 40	4.46	6.14		a 1.38
Harrington	10 32	12.53	5.02	6.24		1.50
Farmington	‖10 40	a 1.00		‡ 6.32		
Greenwood	‖10.48	a 1 07		‡ 6.40		
Bridgeville	10.56	‡ 1.15		6.49		a 2.14
Cannons	‖11 01			‡ 6.54		
Seaford	11 11	1.26		7.02		2.8
Laurel	11 22	‡ 1.36		7.13		‡ 2.30
Delmar	11.32	1.46		7.24		2 56

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NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	‖1.08			‡8.01	‡2.56	‡6.45
Laurel	‡ 1.21			8.10	2.36	3 56
Seaford	1.34			8 24	‡2 46	4.10
Cannons				‡ 8.31		‡ 4.18
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8 37	‡ 2 57	4.25
Greenwood				‡ 8.45		‡ 4 33
Farmington				‡ 8.53		‡ 4.41
Harrington	2.22		‖8.05	9 06	3.16	4.52
Felton	2.32		8.14	9.16	‡ 3.28	5.01
Viola			‖8.18	‡ 9.20		‡ 5.05
Woodside			‖8.22	‡ 9 24		‡ 5.09
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Dupont		‡7.10				
Chesweld		‡7.16		‡ 9.48		‡ 5.32
Brenford		‡7.21		‡ 9.53		‡ 5.36
Smyrna, LV		7.16	8.42	9 49	3 52	5.27
Clayton	3.06	7.28	8.52	9.59	4.02	5.41
Gr'n spring		‡7.30				‡ 5.46
Blackbird		‡7.36		‖10.08		‡ 5.52
Townsend		7.41	9 06	10.13	4.15	5.57
Middletown	3.29	7.51	9.15	10.23	4.24	6.06
Armstrong		‡7.55				‡ 6.10
Mt Pleasant		7.59		‖10 32		6.14
Kirkwood		8.08		10.40		6.25
Porter		8.15	9 34	10 46	4.41	6.30
Bear		‡8.20		‖10.51		6.35
State Road		‡8 25		‖10 56		6.39
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Baltimore	6.31	10.40	11.15	12.40	6.55	8.43
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‖ Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.

"‖" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

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